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## The Schwarze Pumpe Lignite Mine and Cokery Project

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1. The preliminary project for the planned "Schwarze Pumpe" hydrogenation plant has been approved and initial work on the project has been begun. Thus far work has consisted of clearing the forest area, leveling ground, laying water and power lines, and erecting dwellings for the workers engaged on the project.
2. Originally one billion DME was to be made available for the project. As of late August however, funds for the project had been increased to two billion DME.
3. The following design offices have been employed in planning the "Schwarze Pumpe" project:  
  
VEB Industrie-Entwurf, Berlin-Koelnischer Park - responsible for the power plants.  
VEB Entwurfsbuero - Jena - responsible for planning the administration buildings.  
VEB Entwurfsbuero - Leipzig - responsible for planning the cokery and the loading and transportation installations; work on the loading and transportation installations was carried out in cooperation with VEB Schwermaschinenbau, Bleichert, in Leipzig.
4. The "Schwarze Pumpe" project is divided into three main phases:
  - a. Exploitation of a large new lignite open-pit mining area in the vicinity of Gross Koschen which is to extend over the entire area between Senftenberg, Spremberg and Hoyerswerda. Southwest of Cottbus.
  - b. Construction of a combine consisting of a cokery, three power plants, three briquette factories, administration buildings, central telephone exchange, and recreational buildings (soziale Einrichtungen).
  - c. Construction of a new town for workers and employees of the lignite mines and cokery, and construction of a connecting railway for transporting material and personnel.

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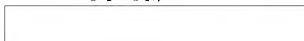
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1. Location of Sonftenberg; distance to Spremberg about 30 km., distance to Hoyerswerda about 25 km.
2. Location of Spremberg. In the immediate vicinity of Spremberg is the village of Trattendorf and also the "Schwarze Pumpe" project.
3. Location of Hoyerswerda; distance between Hoyerswerda and Spremberg about 18 km. The connecting road is state road No. 97, which goes on to Cottbus.
4. Leuta-Werk, located on the connecting road between Sonftenberg and Hoyerswerda. The connecting road is state road No. 96.
5. Location of Halzow, which is on the rail line to Cottbus.
6. Gasthaus on the road to Cottbus.
7. Gasthaus "Schwarze Pumpe".
8. Brick factory near Trattendorf.
9. Trattendorf.
10. Graustein, lying on the road to Bad Muskau, which is on the Polish border.
11. Spreewitz, on the Spree River.
12. Burgkammer, on the Spree River.
13. Weisswasser.
14. Starting from Gross Koschen, the entire area designated here is to be opened up as a lignite open-pit mine. It is to yield for about 50 years. The entire area is now almost completely covered with forest and is only sparsely settled. It totals about 250 square km. Arrows indicate the route by which the mined lignite is to be delivered to the cokery.
15. An auxiliary housing settlement for workers.
16. The new city on which work is to be started in 1956. Work on clearing the forest has already been begun.
17. Road leading to the plant; an open area 70 meters wide has already been cleared in the forest for the road.
18. The two administration buildings.
19. A large mechanics work shop.
20. Recreational structures, dining hall, project hotel, etc.

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21. Central telephone exchange.
22. Three power plants.
23. Three briquette factories.
24. Cokery.

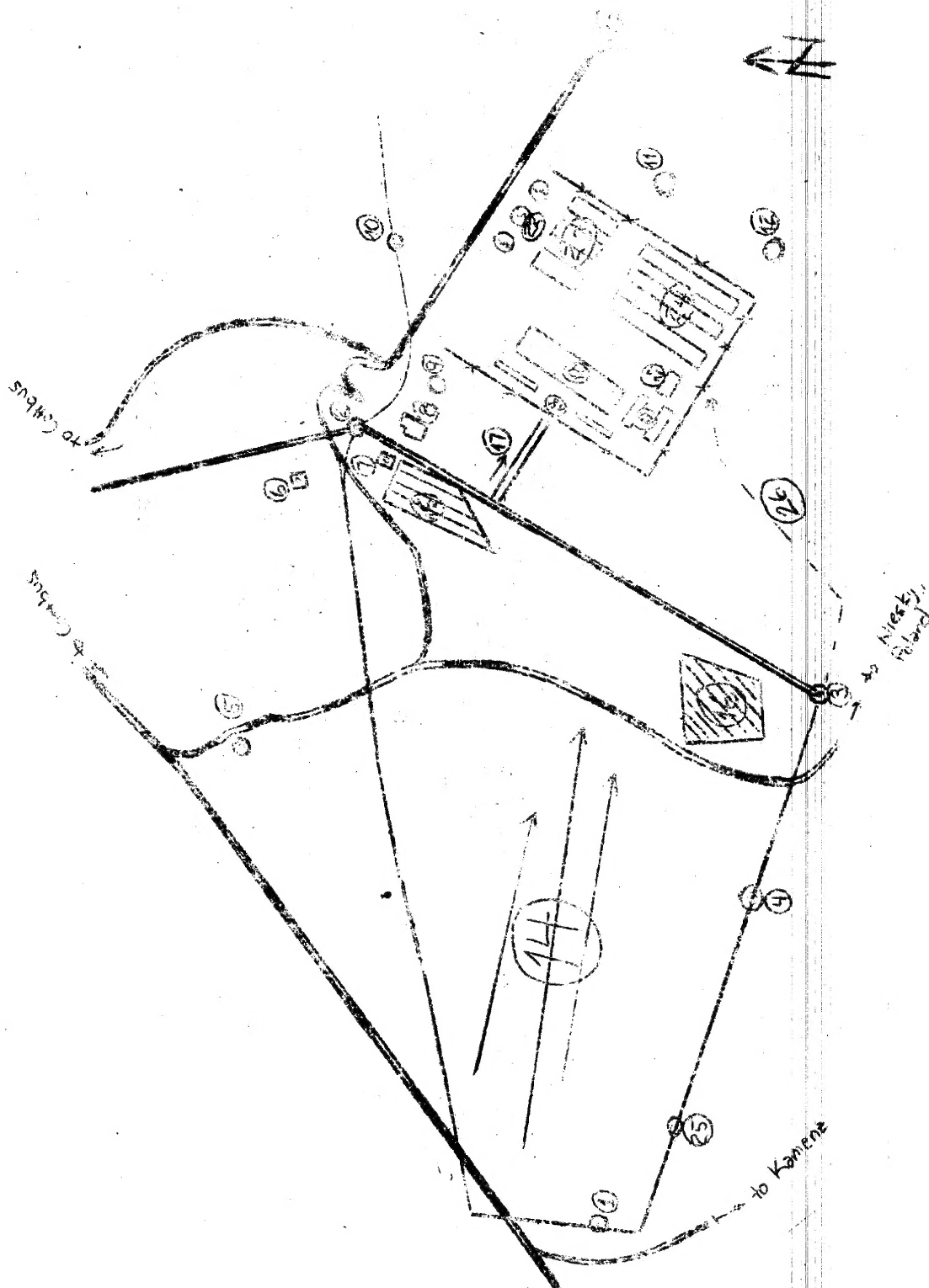
The combine itself will cover an area 2.5 x 3 km. Since the ground there is very uneven, leveling work has been started.

25. Gross Koschen.
26. Dotted line starting from Moyerswerda indicates the new rail line which is to be constructed for transportation of materials and persons.

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